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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 26, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the creation of the small-business advocacy programs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 26, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 26.700, to read as follows:

26.700. 1. There shall be established in the office of the lieutenant governor "The Small-Business Advocacy Program". Subject to appropriations, the lieutenant governor shall employ personnel to administer the program.

2. The duties of the personnel administering the program under subsection 1 of this section shall be to:

(1) Serve as the central clearing house for providing small-business information to the citizens of the state;

(2) Be accessible to the public through one telephone number to field questions or complaints about state government by small-business owners;

(3) Ensure attendance at all legislative committee hearings that affect small business or relate to regulatory fairness;

(4) Serve as an information resource for the Missouri small-business development centers, the Missouri enterprise center, and the Missouri innovation centers;

(5) Serve as a point of contact for the executive branch;

(6) Work with the small-business advocate at the small-business administration to share information about state and federal issues; and

(7) Coordinate small-business activities and issues with the various business associations.

22 **3. Pursuant to section 23.253, RSMo, of the Missouri sunset act:**

23 **(1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this**
24 **section shall sunset automatically six years after the effective date of**
25 **this section unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and**

26 **(2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized**
27 **under this section shall sunset automatically twelve years after the**
28 **effective date of the reauthorization of this section; and**

29 **(3) This section shall terminate on September first of the**
30 **calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the**
31 **program authorized under this section is sunset.**

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